Purchase of new pumping unit.

167. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is proposed to purchase a new pumping unit this year; and if so, will they kindly consider the desirability of putting off its purchase;

(b) whether tenders were called for and advertisement published in the Cochin Government Gazette and Newspapers before quotations were accepted for the pumping units already purchased;

(c) if advertisement was published in that connection in the Newspapers, which are the papers it was published in?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The purchase of the machinery cannot be put off.

(b) No avertisement was published in the Cochin Government Gazette or Newspapers. Quotations were called for from several firms before selecting the machinery.

(c) Please see answer above.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.— May I know the names of the firms?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Quotations were called for from Messrs. Crossley, Krupp, Massey Ganz, Merrilees and Volkart Brothers.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Are there no other firm in India who will be able to supply such machinery?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think we have asked almost all the firms in India who can supply such machinery.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.— Is there not the likelihood of some more firms coming in if it is advertised in the newspapers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— We have asked for tenders from all the likely manufacturing companies whose rates will be acceptable.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Am I to take it that the likely firms include all the firms in India or is there any possibility of supplying it cheaper?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— It is not a question of supplying the machinery cheaper but it is a question of getting the suitable machinery at the lowest cost possible. I think I have included all the firms who are likely to supply such things.

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Mr. P. C. Varkey.—May I know what is the objection in advertising such things in the newspapers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— There is absolutely no objection.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Why was it not done?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Because it was not considered necessary.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Am I to take it that by advertising such things in the newspapers the Government will not be benefited?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— I still maintain that it is not necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— ഈവക വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ സാധാരണ ഗവമ്മെൻറിൽനിന്ന് ആദ്യമായി എക്സ്പർട്ടമാരെ നിയോഗിക്കാറില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— ഉവ്വ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— ഈ make പല കമ്പനിക്കാരും സാധാരണ ഉണ്ടാക്കാറില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— അതിനെപറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചു അവരുടെ കൊട്ടേഷൻ കിട്ടിയാലും മതിയാകയില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— നമ്മുടെ അഭ്യോ make സ്പെഷ്യലായിട്ടുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന കമ്പനിക്കാരോടെഴുതിച്ചോദിച്ചതിനു ശേഷം അവിടെനിന്നുവരുന്ന കൊട്ടേഷൻപ്രകാരമാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— അതുപോലെ കടലാസ്സിൽ കൊടുത്തു കൊള്ളണമെന്നില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—ഇല്ല.

Leave—eligibility for—staff of tugs and barges.

168. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

is the staff of tugs and barges eligible for privilege leave sick leave, etc.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They are eligible for privilege leave and casual leave.

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